

## HONORING FRANK HAYES

**HON. LEE TERRY**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mr. TERRY. Madam Speaker, today it is my privilege to rise during Black History Month, a time when we remember the important contributions African Americans have made to our nation. I want to especially honor the extraordinary people who continue to help shape my community and our great nation. I represent thousands of successful and talented African Americans in the Second Congressional District of Nebraska. Today I would like to pay special tribute to Frank Hayes.

Mr. Hayes is a CPA in Omaha. He was the first African American in the state of Nebraska to receive his license to practice public accountancy. He owns his own business, dealing with individual and corporate tax. He began his business in 1983 and now has more than 20 employees serving more than 100 clients in 15 states. He is also a founding member and was the first president of the 100 Black Men organization, which is dedicated to improving the lives of youth. He has worked tirelessly to help minorities start their own businesses and is currently the executive vice president for finance for the 100 Black Men of America National Board of Directors. In 2009, Mr. Hayes was inducted into the Omaha Business Hall of Fame and the Omaha Technical High School Hall of Fame for outstanding accomplishments in business and community service.

Thank you Frank Hayes for everything you have done in your long and distinguished career, making a difference in the lives of thousands of people, especially our young people.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MCLEAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COMPACT

**HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the McLean County Community COMPACT (Collaborating on Meaningful Partnerships and Careers for Tomorrow). The COMPACT, through a coalition of business, education, community, and government volunteers, offers support to school-aged youth in McLean County, Illinois. The COMPACT helps youth become self-sufficient, contributing citizens, through an effective transition from formal schooling to the world of work.

The COMPACT offers a variety of supportive special programs and services for students, teachers, and educational entities through a collaborative effort among business and community leaders. The COMPACT promotes active exchange of resources among businesses and educational entities, including the participation of students in research projects.

The McLean County Community COMPACT was born in 1989 when a small group of local leaders met to address the high school dropout rate and the number of children in McLean

County living in poverty. From these leaders came invitations to colleagues to join the effort and a volunteer organization named the COMPACT was born. Since 1990, thousands of students have participated in the COMPACT's projects and from those projects created awareness, motivation, and direction for many young people.

In November of 1994, the COMPACT entered into a partnership with the University of Illinois Extension in McLean County. The organization continued to move forward, hiring an executive director who coordinates among the COMPACT's 250 members. In its 20th year, the COMPACT focuses on 8 project areas including the original Sixth Grade Business Education Partnerships, Principal for a Day, and Career Preparation Realities. It also serves at-risk youth through Achieving Competence in Education and brings technology to homes of students without it through the Clearinghouse Project. More recently, the COMPACT has developed youth leadership activities through Teens in Prevention and YouthLEADS, offering opportunities for youth to help their peers find the correct path.

I would like to commend the McLean County Community COMPACT staff, volunteers and board of directors for their commitment and innovative collaborative efforts in preparing the youth of McLean County for the world of work. I wish them many more years of continued success.

HONORING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF SERGEANT JOSEPH MATTEONI AND FIREFIGHTERS GARY DUNNE AND JEFF JOHNSTON DURING THE 309 MILL STREET APARTMENT FIRE OF AUGUST 30, 2009

**HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the heroic actions of Sergeant Joseph Matteoni of the Grass Valley Police Department and Firefighters Gary Dunne and Jeff Johnston of the Grass Valley Fire Department, Engine 1, during the 309 Mill Street Apartment Fire.

On the morning of August 30, 2009, fire and police units were dispatched to an apartment building fire at 309 Mill Street in Grass Valley, California. Upon arriving at the scene of the fire, responders were informed by local citizens that residents were trapped inside the building.

Sergeant Matteoni heard faint cries for help emanating from the backside of the second story of the building. Without hesitation, and disregarding his own personal safety, Sergeant Matteoni rushed into the smoke-filled building. Battling extreme heat and smoke, Sergeant Matteoni carried a woman out of the building and with the assistance of Officer Dan Kimbrough, moved her to safety.

Meanwhile, Firefighters Dunne and Johnston entered from the front of the building. Forced to crawl on their bellies because of the thick smoke and extreme heat, the firefighters pushed through the burning building toward cries for help, finding a second woman standing disoriented in the hallway. As they ap-

proached, the woman retreated further into her smoke-filled apartment where she collapsed. Pushing into the apartment, Firefighters Dunne and Johnston carried the woman out of the building and to safety.

The brave actions of Sergeant Joseph Matteoni and Firefighters Gary Dunne and Jeff Johnston are a testament to the finest traditions of the Grass Valley Police and Fire Departments. It is my honor to recognize and thank them for their commitment to going well above and beyond the call of duty in service to our community.

IN SUPPORT OF KFEO 99.1 FM  
"CLASSIC99"

**HON. WM. LACY CLAY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I stand today on behalf of my constituents and with my friend and colleague Congressman JOHN SHIMKUS to raise further concern about the pending sale and format change of Classic99. As St. Louis's only classical radio station, Classic99 is a true asset to our city.

As Congressman SHIMKUS noted, the sale of KFEO 99.1 FM by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is currently under review by both the Media Bureau and the FCC. While we certainly do not wish to exact undue influence on either of these agencies, our constituents have made clear to us their concerns, and we agree that this loss will be a blow to the wealth of our region's culture and economy. We hope that these negative impacts will be considered while reviewing this sale.

We have seen that losing the arts can wreak havoc on a community, and the Metro East region will be no different. If Classic99 is converted to a different music format, the cultural and economic consequences will be dismal. The world-renowned St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will lose airtime and its chief advertising venue, forcing gifted musicians and staff to suffer even more pay cuts and freezes. Losing Classic99 will result in a cultural deficit as well. 94% of readers polled by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch feel that the loss of Classic99 "takes away a vital voice for the arts in this community," and will detrimentally affect their ability to support local artists.

Arts education organizations throughout my district, like the Opera Theater of St. Louis, the St. Louis Art Museum, and the Touhill Performing Arts Center, will lose their only major arena for audience-building, live broadcasts, and fund-raising. The loss of revenue will hinder arts and music education in the district, further impairing opportunities for our young people to be enriched through the arts. We know that arts education gives youths self-confidence and increases academic achievement. We simply cannot afford to sacrifice these opportunities, and I am deeply troubled by the idea that more educational outlets for our children will be put in jeopardy by this move.

I firmly agree with my colleague that the negative impact these cultural and economic changes will have on the local community should play a role in determining the sale of 99.1.